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SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA

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, RATHER AND PIERPOINT, CBS-TV EVENING NEWS, APRIL 24.

SECSTATE KISSINGER TONIGHT IS IN KENYA, FIRST STOP ON A
7-NATION TOUR OF BLACK AFRICA. HIS MISSION IS TO DEMON-
STRATE FIRM U.S. SUPPORT FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE, AND
ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

IN HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT NAIROBI, KISSINGER, SAID THAT
AFRICA'S FUTURE WILL BE SHAPED BY AFRICAN, BUT THAT U.S.
WILL SUPPORT AFRICA'S ASPIRATIONS, AND CONCRETELY ASSIST ITS
ENDEAVORS. KISSINGER'S TRIP IS ALSO AIMED TO BLUNT SOVIET
INFLUENCE IN AFRICA FOLLOWING VICTORY BY SOVIET-SUPPORTED
SIDE IN ANGOLA. KISSINGER IS CARRYING WITH HIM A PLAN
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FOR NEW U.S. ECONOMIC AID TO AFRICAN NATIONS. WHITE
HOUSE CORRESPONDENT PIERPOINT HAS THE DETAILS.

PIERPONT: THE PLAN KISSINGER CARRIES WITH HIM IS RESULT OF MONTHS OF NEGOTIATION WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION. PROBLEM HAS BEEN HOW TO BALANCE NEED OF INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, LIKE U.S., FOR A STEADY SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS, AND ECONOMIC NEEDS OF POORER COUNTRIES PRODUCING THEM. KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL, ACCORDING TO HIGH ADMINISTRATION SOURCES, WOULD ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK TO FINANCE EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN WORLD-BASIC COMMODITIES, AND, TO SOME DEGREE, TO STABILIZE THEIR PRICES. AS IT HAPPENS, NATIONS WHICH PRODUCE MOST BASIC COMMODITIES, SUCH AS COPPER, ZINC, TIN, RUBBER AND EVEN COFFEE AND SUGAR ARE IMPOVERISHED NATIONS OF AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA AND SOUTH ASIA. THEY HAVE LONG FACED A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THAT SUDDEN PRICE DROPS DISRUPT THEIR FRAGILE DOMESTIC ECONOMIES, BRINGING EVEN HARSHER POVERTY. THEIR SOLUTION IS ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF STOCKPILING AND PRICE FIXING, FINANCED BY RICHER, CONSUMING NATIONS. BUT INDUSTRIAL NATIONS OF WORLD STRONGLY OPPOSE SUCH CARTELS, FEARING THAT SUCH A SYSTEM COULD CUT OFF THEIR ACCESS TO VITAL RAW MATERIALS, AS HAPPENED IN THE 1973 OIL BOYCOTT.

PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK, TO BE CAPITALIZED AT PERHAPS \$1 BILLION, BUT WITH A LENDING POWER SEVERAL TIMES THAT AMOUNT, WOULD HOPEFULLY BRIDGE THESE DIFFERENCES BUT, AT BEST, U.S. OFFICIALS EXPECT LONG MONTHS OF HARD BARGAINING AMONG WORLD ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LEADERS BEFORE AMBITIOUS AMERICAN PROPOSAL BECOMES REALITY.

SOVIET UNION MADE CLEAR TODAY THAT IT INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO AID NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA. SOME ANALYSTS CONSIDER EDITORIAL IN COMMUNIST PARTY NEWSPAPER

PRAVDA A REPLY TO KISSINGER'S LATEST WARNING TO KREMLIN TWO DAYS AGO AGAINST ENGAGING IN WHAT KISSINGER CALLED "IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS IN AFRICA."

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HERMAN: WOULD TRIP OF KISSINGER TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES SERVE UP ANY INTEREST ON BLACK ELECTORATE? COULD THAT BE AN ISSUE ONE WAY OR OTHER?

BURKE: IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. I THINK THAT TODAY, AFRO-AMERICAN FEELS THAT THEIR DESTINY IS THERE IN AFRICA, THAT WHAT HAPPENS THERE, AND WHETHER OR NOT PEOPLE ARE GIVEN FREEDOM, IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND ALSO, BLACKS ARE EVALUATING U.S. AND HOW THEY CARRY OUT WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE -- THE TENETS OF U.S. DO WE REALLY BELIEVE IN DEMO-

CRACY? DO WE REALLY BELIEVE, AND IS U.S. WILLING TO GO OUT AND SAY TO PEOPLE OF AFRICA, "YOU'RE ENTITLED TO VOTE, AND YOU'RE ENTITLED TO MAJORITY RULE."?

HERMAN: WELL, LET ME ASK YOU THIS, MRS. BURKE. IF KISSINGER'S VISIT TO AFRICAN NATIONS WERE A TOTAL AND COMPLETE AND DRAMATIC SUCCESS, WOULD IT WIN ANY VOTES AT ALL FOR FORD ADMINISTRATION? BLACK VOTERS ARE 90 PERCENT DEMOCRATIC. IS THERE ANYTHING TO BE WON THERE, POLITICALLY, BESIDES THE WORLD KEY (?) SITUATION?

BURKE: AH, WELL, OF COURSE, WHAT IS A DRAMATIC SUCCESS? IF THIS ADMINISTRATION WAS WILLING TO SAY THAT WE WOULD HAVE AN AFRICAN POLICY THAT WOULD SAY THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT THOSE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN RHODESIA, AND IF WE WOULD SAY TO SOUTH AFRICA, "YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SET ASIDE DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID," AND IF AMERICAN GOVT WAS TO SAY "WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T BUY RHODESIAN CHROME," IT WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE AN IMPACT.

HERMAN: WOULD YOU THEN VOTE FOR THAT ADMINISTRATION?

BURKE: WELL, I THINK THERE ARE OTHER ISSUES THAT WOULD AFFECT ME. BUT, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE MANY, MANY BLACKS WHO VOTED REPUBLICAN LAST TIME, AND THERE ARE SOME WHO FEEL THAT THEY ARE IDENTIFIED WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, BUT ARE DISILLUSIONED, AND WON'T VOTE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. AT THIS POINT, THEY MIGHT VERY WELL BE INFLUENCED. EAGLEBURGER

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